



13 November 2008

## Thanksgiving Safety Message

1. This month, we will celebrate Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving provides us an opportunity to remember our many blessings and bounties. It is a time to be together with family and friends, and to open our homes to those who may be away from their loved ones this year. Notably, Thanksgiving includes a four-day weekend and many of our Eighth Army team members will take advantage of the time off to travel and enjoy the beautiful sites in the Republic of Korea. We do not want this long weekend to be marred by accidents or misconduct.
2. We must not become complacent toward the hazards surrounding us. Excessive alcohol consumption, road safety conditions, fall sports activities, domestic violence, and suicidal behavior continue to be areas of concern. First-line leaders will make the difference with "Under the Oak Tree Counseling" by helping their subordinates incorporate composite risk management into their plans, while leaders up the chain effectively supervise and enforce the standards.
3. All leaders in Eighth Army should remind subordinates to observe the current curfew policy and to avoid off limits areas, political gatherings, and demonstrations. I also encourage everyone to commit to using the buddy system when going off-post. With everyone's awareness and active participation, our goal of no accidents, no sexual assaults, no serious injuries, and no loss of life is absolutely achievable. We must take care of each other and remain ever vigilant. I wish each of you a safe holiday and I thank you for your continued selfless commitment our Nation and our Armed Forces.
4. Pacific Victors!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joseph F. Fil, Jr.", positioned above the printed name.

JOSEPH F. FIL, JR.  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Commanding

